

What Do We Believe?

Outline and Discussion Content Winter 2025 Teaching Series

1. **What Do We Believe About The Bible?** - Jan 12, 2025 -
 - a. Why should we value all scripture, rather than just our favourite passages? *2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17, Joshua 1:8, Romans 15:4*
 - b. We believe the Bible is inerrant (that means, without error). *John 17:17, Proverbs 30:5, Hebrews 6:18, Matthew 5:18, Psalm 119:160*. How could we respond when someone points out an apparent error in the Bible?
 - c. We believe that the Bible is our final authority on faith and practice. *2 Peter 1:20-21, Matthew 4:4, Isaiah 40:8, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 19:7-11*. What does this authority mean for you practically?
 - d. What is your plan for reading, reflecting, and discussing God's Word this year? *Colossians 3:16, Psalm 1:2, 119:105, 1 Timothy 4:13*.
2. **What Do We Believe About God?** - Jan 19, 2025 -
 - a. We believe in the one true God, rather than many gods. *Isaiah 44:6, Deuteronomy 4:35, 6:4, Genesis 1:1, Psalm 86:10, John 1:1, 17:3, 1 Corinthians 8:6*. How does this truth bring clarity to our worship? What would it be like if you were to believe in numerous gods?
 - b. We believe in one God in three persons; the Father, Son, and Spirit. *Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19, John 14:26, 15:26, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Luke 1:35, Isaiah 48:16-17*. What are the best ways you've found to illustrate and to understand the Trinity?
 - c. Consider that God is sovereign, perfect, infinite, eternal, and yet, He is personal! *Isaiah 57:15*. How does this contrast of unequalled power and intimacy give weight to the wonder of our relationship with Him?
 - d. God is Creator. *Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 11:3*. Why would God create creation? *John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:16-17, Romans 1:20, Isaiah 45:18*. Why would God create you? *Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 2:10, Isaiah 43:7, Acts 17:26-28*. What impact does this truth have on your view of self and of God?
3. **What Do We Believe About Jesus?** - Jan 26, 2025 -
 - a. We believe in the Virgin Birth; that Jesus is both fully God and fully man. *Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:30-35, Hebrews 1:1-3, Colossians 2:9, 1 Timothy 2:5, John 10:30, Philippians 2:6*. How does this union speak to the relationship Jesus came to provide for us?
 - b. Why did Jesus take the cross? Was he forced, or did He give His life willingly? *Hebrews 9:12,22; 12:2, 1 Peter 2:21-25, Titus 2:14, 1 John 3:16, John 10:14-18*. How does this truth impact you personally?
 - c. What does it mean to you that, right now, Jesus stands before God as our Advocate and Intercessor? *Hebrews 7:25, 9:24, Romans 8:34, Isaiah 53:12, John 17:9,20-21, 1 John 2:1*.
4. **What Do We Believe About The Holy Spirit?** - Feb 2, 2025 -
 - a. How does scripture describe the Holy Spirit? *John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-14, Matthew 28:19, Psalm 51:11, Zechariah 4:6*. Why is it important to understand that the Holy Spirit is not just an impersonal force?
 - b. How is the Holy Spirit's work in salvation distinct from the Father & Son? He convicts - *John 16:8*. He regenerates - *2 Corinthians 5:17*. He indwells - *1 Corinthians 6:19*. He baptizes - *1 Corinthians 12:13*. He seals - *Ephesians 4:30*. He anoints - *1 John 2:20*.
 - c. Is the Holy Spirit actively working in your life? Empowering you - *Acts 1:8*. Guiding you - *Romans 8:14*. Teaching you - *John 16:13*. Sanctifying you - *2 Thessalonians 2:13*.

5. **What Do We Believe About Sin?** - Feb 9, 2025 -

- a. We believe that all men are, by nature and choice, sinful and lost. *Romans 3:23, Ecclesiastes 7:20, 1 John 1:8-10, Psalm 14:2-3, Isaiah 53:6*. How is our sin nature distinct from our choice to sin? *Romans 5:12, 18, 1 Corinthians 15:22, Psalm 51:5, Ephesians 2:1*. Where did our sin nature come from? Is it disheartening or encouraging to know that sin is a universal human problem?
- b. What does it mean that we are accountable to God for our sin? *Romans 14:12, Matthew 12:36, Psalm 10:13, 1 Peter 4:5*. Why does sin require God's righteous judgement and wrath? *Genesis 2:17, John 3:36, Psalm 7:11, Romans 1:18; 2:5-8; 6:23*. Does this affect the way you consider your sin?
- c. How has sin affected our original state before our creator? *Genesis 3:8-10, 23-24, Isaiah 59:2, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Romans 5:10; 8:7, James 4:4*. How has sin affected your view of self?

6. **What Do We Believe About Salvation?** - Feb 16, 2025 -

- a. What does it mean that salvation is by grace through faith? *Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, Romans 3:24; 5:2, Hebrews 11:6*. Define grace. *Romans 5:8; 11:6, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Corinthians 12:9*. Why is a free gift necessary for our salvation?
- b. Consider these results of salvation: eternal life - *John 17:3*, righteousness - *2 Corinthians 5:21*, sonship - *Romans 8:15*, deliverance from condemnation - *Romans 8:1*, every spiritual resource - *2 Peter 1:3*, and a divine guarantee - *Ephesians 1:14*.
- c. What does it mean that salvation affects the whole man? *Matthew 22:37, Romans 8:29-30; 12:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Corinthians 3:18*.
- d. Take a moment to consider and to share why you have made a decision of personal faith in Jesus.